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Mr. Daniel C. Smith
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street, S.W., Room 5321, MC: NVS-200
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Mr. Smith:

The following information is submitted pursuant to the requirements of 49 CFR Part 579.11. Suzuki Corporation (the registered importer of these vehicles in Japan) has decided to conduct a Noncompliance Recall in Japan involving 2003 and 2004 model year Chevrolet Trailblazer Extended model vehicles.

This Noncompliance Recall involves vehicles that were sold outside of the United States. General Motors Corporation manufactured and sold substantially similar vehicles in the United States. Please contact me if you have any further questions concerning this report.

Vehicles identified in this letter as "substantially similar" under the broad definition specified in 49 CFR Part 579, can have significant differences in design, performance, durability, etc. These vehicles may not be "substantially similar" except for purposes of reporting under 49 CFR Part 579.

Sincerely,

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2006-0004 Japan TrailBlazer ICV 579 Letter 06003



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579.11 REPORT

MANUFACTURER:	General Motors Corporation.
MAKE:	Chevrolet
MODEL & YEAR:	Certain 2003 – 2004 Chevrolet TrailBlazer Extended Model Trucks.
NUMBER OF VEHICLES:	2003 Model Year 350 Vehicles, 2004 Model Year 1 Vehicle. (Produced from July 2002 to July 2003).
ACTION TYPE DETERMINATION:	Non-Compliance Recall / Decision made by the importer Suzuki.
CONDITION:	<p>The fuel tank ICV (Inlet Check Valve) is located above the full fuel level and within the vapor dome. A fracture can begin as a small opening, typically in the 12 o'clock position. Fuel vapors could pass through a 0.005" opening and the vehicle operator may notice a fuel odor. The Service Engine Soon diagnostic is capable of detecting a 0.020" effective opening. Continued use of the vehicle may cause the opening to propagate to over 0.040" which may allow droplets of fuel to accumulate on the side of the fuel tank as it passes over the fracture opening during refueling or certain driving maneuvers.</p> <p>These vehicles may not meet the requirements of Japan Standard Road Vehicle Act, Art. 3 Safety Standard, Sec. 15 Fuel System.</p>
CORRECTION:	The fuel tanks will be replaced on all of the vehicles in Japan.
DATE OF DETERMINATION:	May 26, 2006.
ACTION COMMENCED:	May 26, 2006.
COUNTRIES INVOLVED:	Japan.
SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR U.S. VEHICLE:	2003-2004 Chevrolet TrailBlazer EXT, GMC Envoy XL, and Isuzu Ascender
COMMENT:	There are no reported fires crashes or injuries associated with this condition in the United States. In 76% of the warranty claims, the customer reported the Service Engine Soon light illuminated.